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In re Patent Application of:

Barkur G. BHAT *et al.*

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For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other  
Molecules Associated with the  
Tocopherol Pathway**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed June 17, 2003, that resulted in Applicants having claims that have been twice or finally rejected.

The official fee for this filing was paid with the previous appeal submitted on July 10, 2002 (Arnold & Porter Check No. 201443). Thus, it is not believed any fees are due in conjunction with this Notice. However, if any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The statutory fee of \$320.00 for filing a Notice of Appeal was paid (by Arnold & Porter Check No. 201443) with the previous appeal submitted on July 10, 2002. Therefore, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with this filing.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.233. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures